

## Farmer federation appeals for protection of chilli farmers

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**Hyderabad:** The Federation of All India Farmer Associations (FAIFA) on Friday appealed to both the Central and State governments to protect chilli farmers in Telangana State and Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking to mediapersons, FAIFA general secretaries G Srinivas, K Venkat Reddy, M Tirupathi Reddy and A Srinivas Reddy said chilli farmers were facing hardships because they could not get Minimum Support Price (MSP).

They said that 30-40 per cent of chilli crop was still with the farmers and they are unable to sell it due to drastic fall in price. “The Central government assistance under Market Intervention Scheme is not being implemented in the State,” Venkat Reddy alleged, adding that FAIFA wanted Rs 7,500-8,000 per quintal besides providing cold storage facility for the standing crop.

The members also suggested short and long term measures to protect chilli farmers such as implementing Swaminathan committee recommendations, crop regulation, market information portal, intervention of spice board as catalyst and to assist exporters, MSP and infrastructure subsidies.

“We met Central and State Ministers several times in this regard but nothing has been done so far. We once again request the governments to help as chilli farmers are suffering a lot,” FAIFA member and farmer S Janardhan Reddy said, adding that in the last few days, chilli rates had further dropped to Rs 1,500-2,000 per quintal. “The farmers are not even in a position to pay labour expenditures,” Reddy said.

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